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It's only February and we have to say this is one of the most interesting years to follow wrestling that I can remember. With the changing of talent, the steroid scandal in the WWF, the suspensions of key WWF performers, drug arrests and other out of the ring happenings, this has been a hectic business to keep track of. Another scandal is set to be revealed this coming Sunday (It is Tuesday, 2/18 as I type this.) If it breaks, it'll be in "Ramblings". Another shock to the wrestling community came when Buzz Sawyer was found dead on Friday 2/7. Jeff Bowdren has a career retrospect on the "Mad Dog" in this issue. Scott Hudson, Klon, and Marianne Ryan take their turn with this "AR" as well. Thanks to all readers new and old for their interest. Hope you enjoy this ish of "AR". Live report on the latest Titan tapings in as well.

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LIVE REPORT

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION
Saturday, February 15, 1992
Orlando Arena
Orlando, FL

Opening Match

Tatonka beat Warlord in 13:32 when Chavis held onto a bodyslam attempt by Waroid and cradled him. Both are still pumped beyond belief. Warlord held the advantage most of the way. 4* for heat.

2nd Match

Bushwhacker Luke beat Typhoon in 6:37 via count out. This was to have been a tag title defense by the Roadies. (I know they lost the titles but that's what the program said.) No announcement made concerning the Legion of Doom but it was announced that Earthquake was injured. Butch came to the ring with Luke. Typhoon attacked both but Williams turned the tables. Lots of interference by Butch which went oblivious to ref. Typhoon was counted out while chnging Butch outside. -**

3rd Match

Rick Martel over J.W. Storm in 13:34. Storm was a sub for Kerry who has tons of legal problems. (No announcement made on Kerry no show.) Storm came out to "Crank It Up" which use to be Powers and Roma's music but now its generic for new guys that don't have any. Storm won't do anything to negate the steroid publicity. J.W. missed a charge in the corner and The Model pinned him. -***

4th Match

Bret Hart made The Mountie submit with the sharpshooter in 9:04. I love Rougeau's "I AM THE MOUNTIE"! Decent but we've seen it too many times. **

5th Match

Kato downed Jim Brunzell in 8:15. Brunzell was a sub for Valentine who debuted on WCW TV Saturday. Time was 8:15. Kato got whipped into a corner, Brunzell went for a backdrop but Kato hit him with a chop to the throat and pin. Weak finish. 3/4*

6th Match

I.R.S. taxed Virgil in 11:28. After a ref bump, Rotunda hit Virgil with his briefcase and scored the pin. *

Main Event - Tag Team Match

Hulk Hogan & Roddy Piper defeated Undertaker & Ric Flair in 10:55. Good action. Heels attacked Roddy while Hogan was coming to the ring. First 4 minutes were all four brawling all over the place. Taker got 50/50 reaction. As Taker was holding Hogan, Flair went to hit Hulk but Hogan ducked and

Dave, Sorry I can't use your piece but the awesomeness of it made it impossible as I would have had to put it in a two ish. Ron

Undertaker got hit. Callous then played up hitting Flair but Paul Bearer simply called Taker to leave the ring and go back to dressing room. While Ric was selling getting threatened by Callous, Hogan schoolboyed him for the win. ***3/4 Would have been 4 but no sell Hulk was at it again.

NOTES

Crowd was 4,600 which is abysmal considering Hulk was there.....Tonight, the WWF basically spit in the Florida Legislatures face. The bill didn't get passed as mentioned last issue. One of the key parts was the false advertisement section. Well, no L.O.D. and no signs outside or even an acknowledgement inside the arena that they weren't there. People sitting around me were pissed.Hulk was on the downside steroid wise tonight. Looked flabby. As a matter of fact, when he and Piper were posing at the end of their bout, Piper was ripped and looked bigger than Hulk.....The undercard tonight was one of the worst I've been to.

#RAMBLINGS#

The story I spoke about on page 1 didn't transpire as of yet but it will. The San Diego newspaper was to have a story in its Sunday edition involving Pat Patterson, Terry Garvin, and an interview with a 15 year old boy. Put two and two together folks. The story was to also include Barry Orton's comments that were made on Mike Tenay's "Wrestling Insiders" radio show. Orton talked about homosexuality in Titan and its relation to what wrestlers get pushed.. I'm not sure if the largest allegation in this case was to be used in the story and I don't (and can't) want to touch it right now but let me say that if it is revealed and is true, Titan will crumble quicker than you may think. WCW is luckier than they think. Although if I were them, I'd dump Jim Barnett pronto.....Sad to report that Tojo Yammamoto committed suicide this past Thursday. Tojo is most recently remembered for his long time feud with Eric Embry in World Class.....The 8 man tag is now out of Super Brawl and it will be Vinnie Vegas & Mr. Hughes vs. Johnny B. Badd & Van Hammer. But that may be the only bad bout on the 8 match card..... Jake Roberts worked TV in West Palm Beach on Tuesday so not being at the Tampa tapings may have been planned.....Jim Neidhart was let go for "unprofessional conduct". Pretty wide open there huh?.....I had to laugh when I heard K. Allen Frey said they decided Dick Slater didn't fit into WCW's plans for wrestling in the 90's. But Junkyard Dog, Nikita Koloff, and Greg Valentine do?.....By the way, that story skedded for the San Diego paper was put off as the editors thought it was so good they want to run a five part series that runs for the whole week.....Not sure what the deal with Lou Perez is. He was supposed to have signes with WCW to team with Bagwell but Zenk will be teaming with Marcus so Lou may not be in after all.....In Tampa on Thursday, Jimmy Backlund came out with Hercules and said the reason he (Backlund) lost to Valentine the prior week was because he wasn't a heavyweight but Herc is so they skedded a bout between Hercules and Valentine for 2/27 but I don't think Greg will be there. Paul Spiegel made a good observation. He said the place popped when they announced that but like he said, when that bout came on Prime Time, it was time for fridge time.....WCW talking about planning the next Bruise Cruise around the Clash in the Bahamas on June 16. Be a big mistake if they do. Nassau would be a sick place to do a TV event.....Vince had made some rumblings about using Luger right after SuperBrawl as he claimed Valentine was still under contract when he worked for WCW in Atlanta last week....Kerry Von Erich got in more trouble after his arrest for falsifying prescriptions. He gave the police a wrong name and address and is now facing obstruction of justice charges as well.....On a TV show in Tampa, Gorilla Monsoon was asked about Ultimate Warrior and he said he was coming back. Monsoon's nose then hit Bobby Heenan in the back.....Thanks to John Hitchcock for that God-awful WCW comic book. Maybe my color is gone on my set. I didn't know Johnny B. Badd and P.N. News are black.....Notice how all the wrestlers Vince has either suspended or let go were problems he'd lose anyway? Marty Jannetty, Road Warriors, Kerry, and Snuka.....For those going to Milwaukee for the PPV, there will be a get together at Major Goolsby's across the street from the Mecca going from 1:00 to PPV time on Saturday.....Funniest moment when the DEA did their raid on Titan in St. Louis was the dogs barking ferociously at Warlord. What do you expect. They smelled the roids oozing out of his pores.....Just received "CHOKEHOLD"'s awards double issue and its awesome reading. Klone hogs the category, "What's hidden under Abdullah's mudflaps." Send \$3.00 for the issue to Lance Levine at 507 W. 43rd PL., Chicago, IL 60609. You'll bust a gut.....Mike Awesome who works for FMW under the moniker The Gladiator is out 6 months with a torn bicep.....Buddy Landell left Puerto Rico in the middle of his tour. What a surprise. Actually he had good reason.I know I've put Pat Tanaka on a pedestal this ish but why doesn't WCW grab him for their light heavyweight division? A tremendous talent not being utilized.....CWE has a card in Tampa at the Sportatorium 3/8 with Jerry Flynn vs. Jumbo Berretta and Black Panther vs. Big V on top.....Yes, believe it or not, I sent a demo tape to WCW for their ring announcing contest (Go ahead Alex,

THUMB ANGLES

Welcome to the latest spinning of the roulette wheel of thumb. Up and down it goes, where it stops only Klon knows.

"MAD DOG"BUZZ SAWYER - Thanks for the memories Buzz-Man. The death of this wrestling notable shocked but did not surprise me. I loved not only his devil-may-care wrestling style but his semi-crying interview style. Buzz will never really die, he lives on in our collective memory banks and via videotape.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - In a recent conversation with two Fla wrestling notables Kevin Sullivan made what I consider an interesting point. He claims that the Observer is picking on Hulk Hogan. But he claims that no one even says anything negative about Rick or Scott Steiner and they consume more steroids than just about anyone in wrestling. Hmmm?

DAN SPIVEY - He seems to have burned his All Japan bridges behind him. I for one would very much like to see a reformation of the Varsity Club with Spivey and Dr Death Steve Williams. Seems to me hot matches with the Steiners would ensue. I also think that Spivey would make a great US champion (heel of course).

DUSTY RHODES - Thumbs up for his candor in dealing with the press twice in the last month. Both at the post-Clash press conference and in a surprise phone call to Mark Madden. For Dusty to speak in a nonkayfabe level strikes me in a positive manner. Dusty appears to have carte blanche to run the wrestling at WCW.

DUSTY RHODES - Thumbs down for bringing in Nikita Koloff, Greg Valentine and the Junkyard Dog. Nikita is his old buddy and Greg is a part of the wrestling old-timers circuit. But why the hell the Dog??? If it is to make some sort of racial amends why that pathetic excuse for a wrestler. If they want to add a black wrestler why not Derrick Dukes, Lanny Cameron, or Penny Jackson (who had a recent WWF tryout). Even the Botswana Beast (Kimala 2) would be a superior addition to JYD.

PLUG-O-RAMA - Lance Levine (who I personally consider one of the top three writers in wrestling) puts out the pan excellent Chokehold newsletter. If anything I think this sheet is wrongly categorized as a "humor" newsletter. True humor is part of Lance's forte but he can analyze wrestling with the best of them. A monthly publication that really deserves a look see. Send a few bucks (a dollar an issue) to Lance Levine c/o Chokehold, 507 W. 43rd Place, Chicago, Ill, 60609.

SUPERBRAWL - I am very much looking forward to their p-p-v. On paper it looks like a fantasy card for WCW fans. But in my heart I feel apprehension for the dreaded Dusty screwjob endings. AR editor Lemieux and myself will be joined by Scott Hudson

(Will he provide his own play by play?) and IWF lawyer Chris Quallman for legal ramifications.

POTPOURRI - Earthquake and Typhoon as faces? I can't see it. In the latest WCW magazine you can see Johnny B Badd in his unadulterated form. Jeff Seigel, Lemieux and myself saw this guy playing an Ultimate Warrior clone at an indy in June of 1989. Dirty White Boy Tony Anthony leaves Memphis to head for Mexico. Is there some reason this very good talent never gets a shot at a major group? Why does Jim Connette work for LPWA (that no one watches), his own Smoky Mountain group and the soon to be Buck Robley group but not Global? I would love to at least see him on the syndie Global show.

PARTING THOUGHT - I personally think that Hulk Hogan ran his gonads into a brass doorknob by not coming clean on the Anselmo show. He could have hung his head and said yes I have used them but they were given to me by doctors. He could have implied other big-time athletes (baseballs Jose Conseco is oft rumored to be on them) are pushed to Steroids to become the best in their fields. Saying that he was on his way to the Betty Ford clinic and that would have been the end of it (for him). Well that's the way it could have gone. The American public is very glib and short sighted (they move on to something else).

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

MAYO CENTER (Rochester, Minnesota) 02-23-92. "Superladies Showdown" LPWA Pay-Per-View. 1. **Miki Handa & Mami Katamura** defeated **Allison Royal & Lisa Star** in 3:00 when Katamura pinned Royal with a top rope power slam. A better than expected opener *...2. **Denise Storm** defeated **Susan Green** in 6:00 after belting Green with a chain. The referee saw the whole thing but apparently chose to ignore it. Still, a good brawl *½...3. **Reggie Bennet** defeated **Yukari Osawa** in 6:00 following three successive and different suplexes. This started off slow but picked up toward the end *½...4. **Shinobu Kandori** defeated **Desiree Peterson** in 7:00 with a Tiger Bomb (Terry Taylor's version of the Power Bomb) *...5. **Harley Saito** defeated **Mizuki Endo** in 7:00 with a tombstone piledriver ¾*...6. **Eagle Sawai** defeated **Midori Saito** in 6:00. Sawai is impressive enough in her look and character to deserve a run against Madusa down the road ½*...7. **Black Venus** defeated **Rockin Robin** in 6:00 with an impressive Samoan Drop from the top rope ½*...8. **Denise Storm** defeated **Reggie Bennet** in 9:00 by disqualification when Bennet was caught using a chair Storm had brought into the ring. Easily the worst match of the night -*...9. **Harley Saito** defeated **Eagle Sawai** in 10:00 after a time limit draw. LPWA Commissioner, the always ridiculous Wally Karbo declared Saito the winner following the expiration of the time limit. Would have been rated higher except for the finish, there wasn't one DUD...10. **The Glamour Girls** (Leilani Kai & Judy Martin) defeated **Bambi & Malia Hosaka** in 10:00 when Kai pinned Hosaka. Easily the best match of the night, or should I say afternoon? ** ...11. **Harley Saito** defeated **Denise Storm** in 8:00 with a very impressive reverse Frankensteiner into a bridge-out pinning combination (I don't know what else to call it) to win the tournament to become the first LPWA Japanese Ladies Champion. Not as good of a match as it should of been, but, not horrible ½*...12. **Terri Power** defeated **Lady X** in 8:00 to win the LPWA Ladies World Championship using a top rope high-cross body as a finisher ¾*...**NEWS AND NOTES:** Believe it or not, I would give this show a Thumbs Up. While the work was not the calibre of the Japanese women on their home shores, it was better than I have ever seen on the LPWA television program. Joe Pedicino & Jim Cornette had a rocky beginning that seemed more technical than talent, but quickly fell into a groove that made the show move at a good pace...Nick Bockwinkel and Sue Henig provided analysis prior to every match. Bockwinkel was excellent, however Henig, the younger sister of Curt Henig, must have thought she was an actuary as all she concerned herself with was the age and weight of the wrestlers. A good idea, though..Al Derusha was a complete waste of time as ring announcer (Joe, I would have done it for FREE) ..Some interesting comments during the broadcast: Bonnie Blackstone to Reggie Bennet-"You've shown us some good high spots."; Jim Cornette-"I really did like that angle."; Sue Henig (after being called "Sue Henning" by everyone, including the graphics man) all show, to Bockwinkel-"Thanks for pronouncing my last name right."; and Denise Storm to Bonnie Blackstone during an interview made the rather unfortunate comment "I am not a babyface"..

THE LAST WORD...

CONGRATULATIONS to Brent Shiver, a Parkview High School senior, for capturing his fourth consecutive State Title in the 198lb weight class in Georgia. What is even more impressive is that Shiver has been deaf since he was born. In the weeks of scandal on top of scandal, it's nice to be reminded what real wrestling is all about. Top that, Hulk Hogan.

Dear WCW,

On February 12, 1992, you overbooked the Center Stage Theater for a TV Taping turning away many fans, including a church group of 1 adult and approximately 20 children. Don't let success go to your head or you may lose your ass.

Your Fan,
Scott Hudson

READER PROFILES

NAME: STEVE SEILER

OCCUPATION: landscaper

BORN: 5/27/65 Bristol, CT

WHAT 3 WORDS DESCRIBE YOU BEST: mellow, kind, trustworthy

DREAM VACATION: Jamaica with 10 beautiful girls

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT: people who do drugs

WHOM IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: Cactus Jack

MOVIE YOU COULD SEE ANYTIME: Cheech & Chong's "Up In Smoke"

3 THINGS THAT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR: beer, milk, meat slices

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE: Woody Harrelson

WHAT TV SHOW DO YOU NEVER MISS: Cheers

FAVORITE WRESTLING MOMENT: Muzzy Field in Bristol- Magnificent Muraco walking nonchalantly through the field enjoying the nice evening and being very friendly even though he was a heel at the time. he shook my hand.

NAME: GARY LYNCH

OCCUPATION: sorter/UPS shipper/Sears

BORN: 2/3/64 Georgia Baptist Hospital

WHAT 3 WORDS DESCRIBE YOU BEST: quiet, dependable, caring

DREAM VACATION: Going with Greg Yarman to see wrestling in Japan live.

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT: Redlights that stay red for 20 minutes, paying \$5 to park at the Omni, traffic jams

WHOM IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: Vanna White

MOVIE YOU COULD SEE ANYTIME: Godfather Part I

3 THINGS THAT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR: apples, coke, milk

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE: Bob Denver (don't laugh)

WHAT TV SHOW DO YOU NEVER MISS: I don't watch much television as working 2 jobs keeps me very busy.

FAVORITE WRESTLING MOMENT: Meeting Greg Yarman, Scott Hudson, and Steve Prazak and becoming fast friends. All 3 are outstanding people and it is a great pleasure to know them and have them as friends.

NAME: BRIAN TRAMEL

OCCUPATION: Soon to be part owner and manager of a pizza delivery company named King Pizza.

BORN: 11/11/66 Blythville, AR

WHAT 3 WORDS DESCRIBE YOU BEST: big, fun, crazy

DREAM VACATION: Two fun filled nights with Christy Cannon & Traci Lords.

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT: safe sex, AIDS, cigarettes, and stupid women.

WHOM IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: GOD or SATAN

MOVIE YOU COULD SEE ANYTIME: "About Last Night...."

3 THINGS THAT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR: pizza, diet soda, ketchup

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE: An overweight Phil Collins or Sam Kinison.

WHAT TV SHOW DO YOU NEVER MISS: "Coach"

FAVORITE WRESTLING MOMENT: I guess it was when I went head to head with Jerry Lawler. It gave me the motivation and to do something that I've wanted to do since I was about 12 years old- get in the wrestling ring. Other moments would include everytime that I step in the ring. Even though I'm not worth a shit, I admit it and always have a good time.

JEFF BOWDREN

MEMORIES OF A MAD DOG

It was February of 1990 and I was roaming the hallways of a hotel in Greensboro, waiting for some friends. It was about 3 a.m. the morning after Wrestlewar. I had a 8 a.m. flight that same morning & my vision was getting a little bleary. I looked up and saw coming toward me the Mad Dog, Buzz Sawyer. Buzz was holding his hand, the one he had all but crushed during a tag match earlier that night. I asked him how the hand was and he replied "not good". I remember how much I wanted to tell him that I loved his wild bumps, his killer powerslams, his maniacal interviews and most of all, that crazed laugh he used to let out. But when I looked up, he was gone. So I didn't get to say anything. And now I never will.

Everyone has their own private demons they must battle, and apparently Buzz Sawyer had his own. But in an industry where "forever" has become a finite number, Buzz kept getting more chances. It probably had to do with the fact that when he was on, Buzz Sawyer was one hell of a talent.

I first saw Buzz in Florida around '80 or '81, where he was working a program with Cocoa Samoa. I remember a wild bunkhouse match the two had where Cocoa had basically torn off Buzz's pants and Sawyer was walking around in his B.V.D.'s, getting heat. One girl in the front row threw a cup that hit him square in the chest, then turned and was congratulating herself with her friends. Buzz marched over and blew his nose all over her. Buzz was an angry pup getting ready to turn into a mad dog.

Sawyer's most famous tour of course was in Atlanta in the early to mid 80's. He somehow managed to have a great (if not overlong) feud with Tommy Rich, who was busy battling his own personal demons. The latter part of his stay in Atlanta had Buzz and half-pint brother Brett working with the Roadies. I remember that no one thought Brett made a good opponent for the Roadies but that, by the same token, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that Buzz could tear the muscleheads apart in the blink of an eye if he wanted too. That's how over his character was. Before he left for Mid-South in '85, he and half-pint had a great match on TBS with the Midnight Express. Buzz wrestled the match with glee, as the opportunities to wrestle quality opponents had been few and far between in the preceding years. His Mid-South tour featured a great feud with Jim Duggan, highlighted by a series of wild, out of control brawls. After that, he showed up in the by now talent-stripped World Class and formed a good tag team, becoming the main reason to watch the show, except for the occasional appearance by Bruiser Brody. One moment that stands out in particular is a match Buzz had with Kevin Von Erich. Buzz, seemingly out of control, was standing in the aisleway blatantly slicing his forehead as Kevin watch incredulous from inside the ring. Definitely one of the rare occasions where the opponent was in less control of his faculties than Kevin.

The Mad Dog pretty much disappeared until late '89, when he came into WCW and, though time and wild bumps had taken their toll, still provided some great moments. After the afore-mentioned hand injury, Buzz pretty much disappeared, apparently opening a wrestling school.

There isn't much doubt that, as of 1992, there wasn't a whole lot of interest within the wrestling industry for Buzz Sawyer. The man who from 1980 to '86 could pretty much write his own ticket had burned a lot of bridges. Still, when Ron called me and gave me the news, I remember thinking "what a waste". Buzz would definitely have to be on the commemorative Guns-N-Roses "Appetite for (Self) Destruction" tour, along with such luminaries as Jimmy Snuka, the Von Erich's (Lifetime Family Achievement Award), Iron Sheik, Buddy Rose, Tommy Rich & no, don't worry, I didn't forget him, charter member Buddy "No Show Budro" Landel. All these guys have let personal problems cost them a lot of money & bookings.

There are a lot of temptations out there. Life on the road only enhances their desirability. Buzz gave in to temptation and paid for it. I'm not going to give some temperance lecture about the dangers that the 90's now present all of us with, but sooner or later the guys in the business need to become responsible for their own actions. Like Michael Conrad used to say every week on Hill Street Blues, "Hey, let's be careful out there!" But unfortunately the sad thing is that Buzz Sawyer wasn't the first or last. He was merely the most recent.

NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

by,
Marianne Ryan

I find myself shaking my head these days. The issue of steroids still seems to have a life of its own, but upon closer inspection, it seems all the talk about steroids has pushed a far more serious problem way to the back. That issue is cocaine abuse.

It is nothing new. Tully Blanchard left the WWF after he failed a drug test. Michael Hayes was suspended after he failed one. Hercules has come and gone several times after failing drug tests. But it never seemed to be as prevalent as it has been in the last few weeks.

Marty Jannetty was fired after failing a drug test. Kerry Von Erich, Jimmy Snuka and LOD's Hawk are also rumored to have flunked recent tests. I even heard the DEA showed up in St. Louis. That may seem extreme to some, but obviously, there seems to be a problem.

I have spent a lot of time with these guys, and they are by no means angels. I do know some of the guys use coke on occasion. Like most things, I believe that if someone wants to do that, that's their decision. At the same time, they know they are in a position where they are given drug tests on a regular basis, so there is no reason for this to be happening. Either the guys don't care, or they have a serious problem and need help.

Maybe it's indicative of the kind of life they lead. They had eight days off in January, and eight off this month. That isn't a lot of time for friends, family, a private life of any kind. Every day is another city, another arena, another bunch of faces. It's asking a lot for these folks to give up so much. But by abusing drugs like coke they'll be giving up a whole lot more. I just hope these guys realize it's not worth it to lose your career for a quick high. Never mind the impression it gives the fans.

In the meantime, I had a chuckle when I heard that Tatonka's red mohawk is symbolic of the blood lost by his Indian brothers. I guess that means Terry Taylor's Red Rooster mohawk was symbolic of all the blood lost by chickens at Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Speaking of my buddy Terry, I am glad to see him getting pushed, and getting the tag belts, but I question whether getting the belts was ~~it~~ when his partner is Greg Valentine. Greg is three or four years overdue on his retirement.

And I never thought I'd see the day when I'd say this, but I think it's time for Hogan to say goodbye. I was looking forward to seeing him wrestle Flair and say a graceful goodbye. But he seems to think he can go on forever. Every one needs to say goodbye at some point, and for Hogan, that point is now. The same goes for me. Until next month...

READER PROFILES

NAME: BILL KAISER

OCCUPATION: Accountant

BORN: 3/21/48 Covington, KY

WHAT 3 WORDS DESCRIBE YOU BEST: I don't know

DREAM VACATION: Disney World

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT: Jim Herd (RL- You won Bill)

WHOM IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: Sherri Martel

MOVIE YOU COULD SEE ANYTIME: Indiana Jones

3 THINGS THAT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR: beer, yogurt, carrots

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE: Chevy Chase

WHAT TV SHOW DO YOU NEVER MISS: Dr. Who

FAVORITE WRESTLING MOMENT: Sheik vs. Dick the Bruiser Cincinnati Gardens
1961 . Sheik throws fire.

LIVE REPORT

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION
Monday, February 17, 1992
USF Sundome
Tampa, FL

This was a taping for "Superstars of Wrestling". I'll indicate bouts for Prime Time with "PT" and dark matches "DM" where applicable.

1) J.W. Storm over Brooklyn Brawler (Try out) The only impressive thing about the match was Storm doing a standing frankensteiner for the win. His build doesn't belong in Titan at this point in time. He's huge. 2) Jim Powers beat Kato (DM) * $\frac{1}{4}$ 3) Chris Walker flying bodypressed Pat Tanaka. Real good dark match. Pat is tremendous. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 4) Lee Armstrong won a tryout match over Lee Thomas. Armstrong resembles Jerry Valiant. He's just a local yokel. Tony Garea was watching the bout and obviously wasn't impressed as Armstrong jobbed a couple of times during the tapings. He was terrible. 5) Owen Hart beat Hercules for Prime Time. Hart did a nice dive through the ropes. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 6) Berzerker over Brian Costello. (PT) 7) Mountie & Nasty Boys beat Scott Allen, Dale Wolfe, & Chuck Muncie.....Gene Okerlund then got on the podium and announced the tag belts had changed hands in Denver. He not once mentioned the Road Warriors during the announcement. He started the ball rolling for the turning of the Natural Disasters (I kid you not.) when he said they were upset with Jimmy Hart for "jobbing" them out of a title shot. 8) DiBiase & IRS over Terry Davis & Jim Powers. Rotunda hit a classic with, "Residents of Florida should start paying a state income tax." That's a hot issue here in the state. After the champs won, the Disasters rolled down the aisle and had a four way. Oh, forgot more bad news. Jimmy Hart is now managing DiBiase & Rotunda. 9) Tatonka rolled up Doug Sommers. 10) Shawn Michaels suplexed Scott Hannon. Michaels has new music which is super. It may be sung by Sherri who looked 20 times better than Missy Hyatt ever could. Shawn did a nice flying clothesline from the apron to the outside of the ring. 11) Disasters squashed Jim Cooper & Paul Samson. 12) British Bulldog powerslammed Lee Armstrong. 13) Big Boss Man slammed Brooklyn Brawler. 14) Randy Savage basically squashed Mountie for Prime Time with the flying elbow smash. Bout only went 3:18. Dud After the Savage match, they kept Mountie in the ring and he challenged all the faces (except he threw Sid's name in there and a pissed Pat Patterson mouthed the words "asshole" as he watched from the runway.) to come to the ring. Undertaker's music started and the house fell in. Mountie tried to zap him with the shock stick but had no effect. Callous threw the stick down and lifted Mountie for the tombstone. Hart ran in but Paul Bearerehit him with the urn. Taker piledrove him and they left Rougeau laying..... 15) Sid Justice squished Micky Jay. Before the bout, Sid read a letter from a Hulkamaniac. His mock sadness at the letter was great. In what could be considered a shoot, Downtown Bruno pulls out an oxygen mask and puts it over Sid's mouth and nose halfway through the bout. He really needs it. They are doing his WCW gimmick where they wheel out a gurney and bring the jobber back to the dressing room. Sid is still cheered by lots of fans. 16) Virgil put Pat Tanaka to sleep for Prime Time. Virg takes these crazy bumps but I think it's unintentional as he just doesn't know how to take them. * $\frac{1}{4}$ They then conducted what would have to be considered one of Ric Flair's top five interviews of all time. It lasted about 6-7 minutes with Mean Gene and they showed a picture of what I believe was Elizabeth coming out of a pool and approaching Flair who was sitting on a lounge chair. (From where I was that's what it looked like.) Lots of cheers for Flair too. They are taking the angle that Flair discarded Liz a few years ago and Randy picked up used merchandise.....17) Tatonka beat Dennis Bunt (IWF wrestler Dennis Allen) 18) Repo Man beat Jim Brunzell (PT) Dud 19) Mountie & Nasty Boys beat Roddy Piper & Bushwhackers (PT) This was Piper's only appearance which made no sense since he's their I-C champ. Wasn't on TV at all. * 20) Bret Hart sharp shooted Jimmy James. 21) Papa Shongo beat Lee Thomas. I doubt this will air as Papa's skull oozes smoke and when he put it around the ringpost before his bout it caught fire and flamed the entire bout while the ring crew tried to put it out. Smoke was billowing up to the roof. Hilarious. 22) Tito Santana burritoed Lee Armstrong. 23) Beverly Brothers beat Scott Hannon & Jim Powers. 24) Sid buried Dale Wolfe and then 3 jobbers and Virgil came out to help him. Sid ordered them back to the dressing room. The jobbers left but Virgil tried to help. Wrong move. Sid left him laying. 25) Boss Man DCOR with Warlord (PT) Sad. They don't give BBM a win over this stiff. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 26) Bulldog beat Michaels via DQ when Sherri interfered. Best bout of the night. (PT) ** $\frac{3}{4}$ 27) Slaughter & Duggan over Emory Brothers. 28) Owen Hart beat Doug Sommers.Hulk Hogan then did an interview which may not air. Not because of this tasteless quote though, "That look of Sid Justice is the look of the Jeffrey Dahmers of the world." But refereeing to the Hoosierdome as the PONTIAC Hoosierdome.....29) Rick Martel beat Robby Sampson. 30) Tatonka over Pete Sanchez. 31) Undertaker buried Lee Thomas and after stuffed him in a body bag.

The fans cheered wildly. This is the action of a babyface? 32) Hulk Hogan beat Ric Flair via DQ as everywhere. Count out finish actually. **

NOTES

Here's a timely subject...Pat Patterson. I was sitting right in the aisle about four rows up near the dressing rooms. So I observed Pat when he was out watching angles or whatever. Here are some observations: 1) He loved the Undertaker angle with Mountie putting him over to the fans live. 2) He and Tony Garea were laughing hysterically at the futile attempts by the ring crew to put out the skull fire. 3) He winked numerous times at the 15 year old ring boy. 4) How come when Shawn Michaels and Sherri came back to the dressing room after a match, he was checking out Shawn's ass and not Sherri's? Just wondering about the actions of the number 2 man in the promotion..... Some fan was getting antsy when Chris Walker and Pat Tanaka came to the ring for the third bout of the night and yelled, "How about a real superstar?" Hey pal, Pat Tanaka has more talent in his body than all but maybe 9 other guys in the fed.....Conspicuous by his absence was Jake Roberts. And since he's an important cog in this machine, me thinks there is a problem. Is so, I'll let you know in "Ramblings".

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Martins North Point (WIN)

Baltimore, MD

February 7, 1992

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Ricky Blues pinned Adrian Hall after a frankensteiner from the top rope. B 2) Neil Superior over Rasta The Voodoo Mon. F 3) Little Louie beat Tiger Jackson in a midget bout. 4) Cream Team downed Lords of Darkness via DQ. C 5) Agent Orange used salt in the eyes to defeat Morgus the Maniac. D 6) Jeff Collett used a foreign object to beat Sledgehammer McGill. D 7) Nikolai Volkoff beat Honkey Tonk Man via DQ when Agent Orange and Lucifer did run ins. D 8) Tom Brandi beat King Kahlua in an Eye of the Hurricane match (?) C 9) Misty Blue airplaned spinned Linda Dallas. D ATT: 850

Cojo Skateland (PEACH STATE)

Cordele, GA

February 7, 1992

Correspondents: Jimmy Marshall, Greg Berryhill & Phil Berryhill

1) Dale Lucas won by DQ over Masked Nightmare after a ref reversal in 10:45. * 2) The Cover Boys over Devastation in 11:05. ** 3) Terry Leland pinned Mike Golden in 9:40. * 4) Cowboy Dennis Gale & Steve Lawler went to a double DQ with R.D. Swain & Botswana Beast in a wild brawl. **** 5) Ranger Ross won the USA title from Mr. Atlanta (Tony Zane) in 19:45. * 6) Masked Nightmare beat Ronnie Garvin via count out in 15:30. Buddy Landell no showed so Nightmare supposedly bought out his contract. ** 7) Mr. Atlanta & Mike Golden won a double ring battle royal from Paul Golden & R.D. Swain.

Frostproof High School (IWF)

Frostproof, FL

February 15, 1992

Correspondent: Casey Kelly

1) The Stomper used his stomp from the top rope to beat Randy Fuller. 2) Randy Rhodes beat Bad Boy Billy Brooks. 3) Chubby M.C. over The Possessor. 4) Cliff Anderson and Al Hardiman went to a double count out. 5) Long Riders & Black Jack Mulligan won a six man elimination bout from the Heartbreakers & Mondo Kleen when Kip Winchester pinned Big Till to win it.

Jewish Community Center (SCW)

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

February 15, 1992

Correspondent: Jeff Bowdren

1) Rick Ryder defeated Barry Houston. Barry does a Sam Houston gimmick. What's next. Jim Thor doing a Mike Thor gimmick? 2) Malia Hosaka over Lisa the Adjuster. Jeff couldn't answer my question on just what she adjusts. 3) Blackhearts beat Ian Weston & The Slayer. 4) Malia Hosaka over Wild Mare. Secretariat's sister. 5) The Thing beat Masked Superstar (Bob Cook). Thing was the one who worked World Class a few years ago. 6) Soulman Alex G. & A.J. Watson won a mixed tag bout from Red Roberts & Penelope Paradise. Roberts does a Vinnie Vegas gimmick better than Kevin Nash. 7) Steve Collins over Joe DeFuria. This was the sub main as both Landell & Kendall Windham no showed. One had to be back in jail before 9 and the other will be there before long. 8) Soulman Alex G. won a battle royal. ATT: 300

Correspondent: Paul Spiegel

1) Tex Sallenger made Lebanese Assassin (Tony Mella) submit to a scorpion.
 2) Mark Star powerbombed Coconut Man in a lumberjack strap match. 3) Jimmy Backlund pinned Robbie Van Damme. 4) Lou Perez & Allen Iron Eagle defeated The Terminators via DQ. 5) Kendall Windham over Kevin Sullivan in a Texas Death Match. ATT: 200

 #LETTERS TO "AR"

Anni's Adlibs

Those of us who yearn for pro wrestling's "golden years" recall a time when men licked their opponents--not the faces of fans. Consultations occurred with managers--not computers--and combatants grappled with IRS matters privately. Remember when surfer boys stayed at the beach, poets haunted coffee houses and barbarians occupied jail cells?

In recent years, fashion shows, dancing exhibitions and MTV style extravaganzas vie for equal time with actual ring action. Wrestlers who once achieved notoriety for their unique maneuvers are now more closely identified by their props. Black Bart's branding iron, Nikita Koloffs chain, Jake's serpent, and Big Josh's axe handle determine outcomes instead of pinfalls. Charismatic managers and valets often work harder than their "employees". Sensational Sherri has amassed more saves than Lee Smith, The Boston Bad Boy has enlivened many a borathon with a timely bop from his batting helmet and Kevin "The Truth" Casey turns bogeys into birdies, courtesy of his five iron.

Regrettably, skill frequently falls to a manufactured musculature and obscurity threatens the wrestler who fails to sharpen his interview technique along with his reflexes. Today's warrior retains an agent to market him for Arsenio Hall and expensive pay per views; the affordable intimacy of small town shows has vanished like the Black Scorpion.

Perhaps the remedy for our disenchantment is a strict "Wrestling Only" federation banning interfering managers, heel commentators, weapons, musical entrances, costumes, phony "Presidents", rapmasters and banners. But could we accustom ourselves to such a dearth of stimulation? Are we downplaying our need for quick, slick entertainment? Would sheet writers fill page after page with nothing but wrestling results? Are we honestly deploring the current promotion or is our disquiet really directed toward the culture it reflects?

Anni Roberts
 Easton, MD

Lucky Cap

I've recently returned to being a full time student and this past Friday I had a History of Western Civilization exam and wore my legendary "Arena Report" ballcap to the test. If I net an "A" I promise to always wear that hat to any exams. Then again, it may have been the green flannel shirt, Fishbone T-shirt, 501's, old Reebok's and white booties or going without undergarments. At any rate, you'll garner at 1/7th of the credit. And for those really tough quizzes, I can tape the answers to the bill of the cap.

Sorry I never have any results for you but only the WWF comes near central Illinois and I drove two hours to see a shit card with Flair vs. Hogan back in November and they simply can't convince me to spend the dinero to drive an hour or more to watch them advertise Titan paraphernalia.

Chris Martin
 Springfield, IL

RL- Maybe I should take the rest of my caps and open them up for sale again to just students, eh?

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laugh again.) I guess Alex laughs because he feels as soon as they see who the tape is from, it'll go in the trash. What better way to start a better relationship with the newsletters than have an editor ring announce for you..... For you Canadian readers: A feature on Sweet Daddy Siki and Ron Hutchinson Pro Wrestling School on Canada's youth network. The segment will appear on a cable program called Streetnoise in late March. Check your local listings.... Next issue will feature a live ICWA report, Evan Ginzburg returns from his vacation hopefully with a wrestling story. Mike Terry drops us his two cents once again. And Scott Hudson will have some Omni results from 3/8. Also, K.C. O'Connor has an excellent piece ready titled, "Hulk Hogan and Magic Johnson: Saints or Sinners? Should get you letter writers off your duffs.We'll be having a mini get together at my house for SuperBrawl with Klon, Chris Qualmann and myself being joined by Scott Hudson who will be in town with his wife who will be on business so if anyone wants to chat after the PPV, give us a buzz. Enjoy it. See you next time.

Ron